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# Comanche

National Grassland

Carrizo Canyon Picnic Area  
Picture Canyon Picnic Area







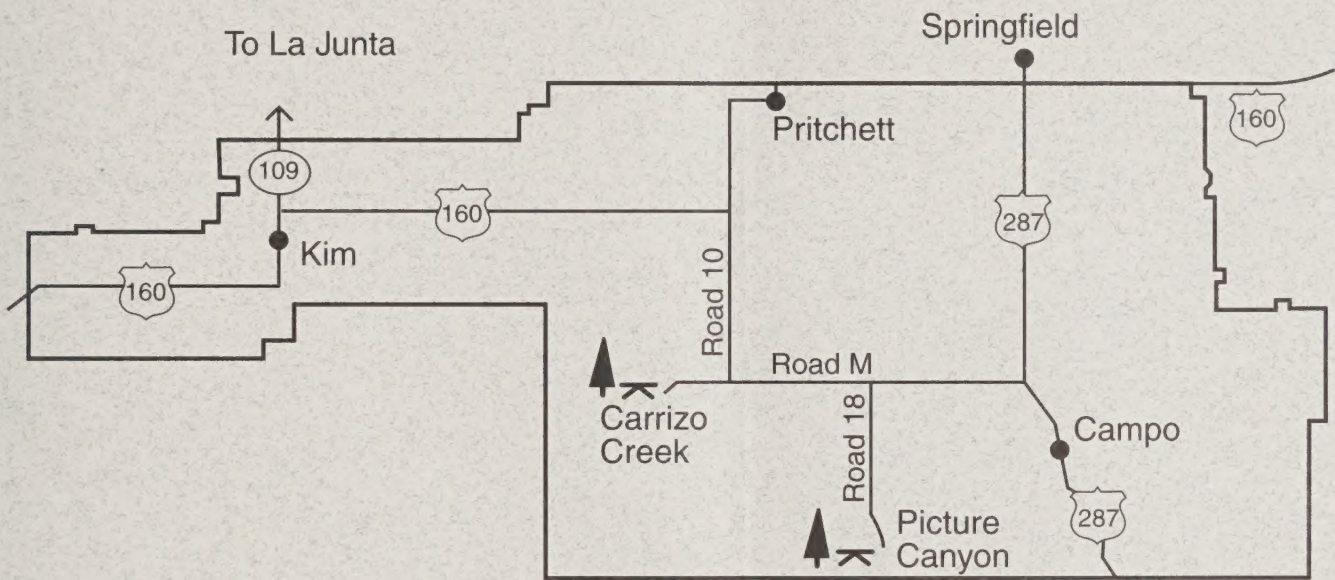


# Carrizo Canyon

The east fork of Carrizo Creek flows through this small canyon graced by juniper and cottonwood trees. American Indian petroglyphs in the images of mountain sheep, elk and deer can be found along the canyon walls. A variety of wildlife, especially birds, can be seen in the early morning or before sunset.

# Picture Canyon

Picture Canyon is home to a variety of plants, wildlife and American Indian rock art. Petroglyphs as well as pictographs can be found along the canyon walls. Some petroglyphs may have had astronomical significance; plan to visit Picture Canyon during the Fall equinox when public tours are offered.



## To get to Carrizo Canyon from Springfield, Colorado ...

Take Highway 287 south for 17 miles; turn right (west) on County Road M for 22 miles, turn left (south) on Forest Service Road 539 for 1.9 miles to the parking area.

## or from La Junta, Colorado ...

Take Highway 109 south for 58 miles; turn left (east) on Highway 160 for 25 miles; turn right (south) on County Road 10 for 9 miles; turn right (west) on County Road M for 5.5 miles and turn left (south) on Forest Service Road 539 for 1.9 miles to the parking area.

## To get to Picture Canyon from Springfield, Colorado ...

Take Highway 287 south for 17 miles; turn right (west) on County Road M for 8 miles; turn left (south) on County Road 18 for 8 miles, turn right (south) at the Picture Canyon road sign (Forest Service Road 533) and continue 1 mile to the parking area.

## or from La Junta, Colorado ...

Take Highway 109 south for 58 miles; turn left (east) on Highway 160 for 25 miles; turn right (south) on County Road 10 for 9 miles; turn left (east) on County Road M for 8 miles; turn right (south) on County road 18 for 8 miles; turn right (south) at the Picture Canyon road sign (Forest Service Road 533) and continue 1 mile to the parking area.

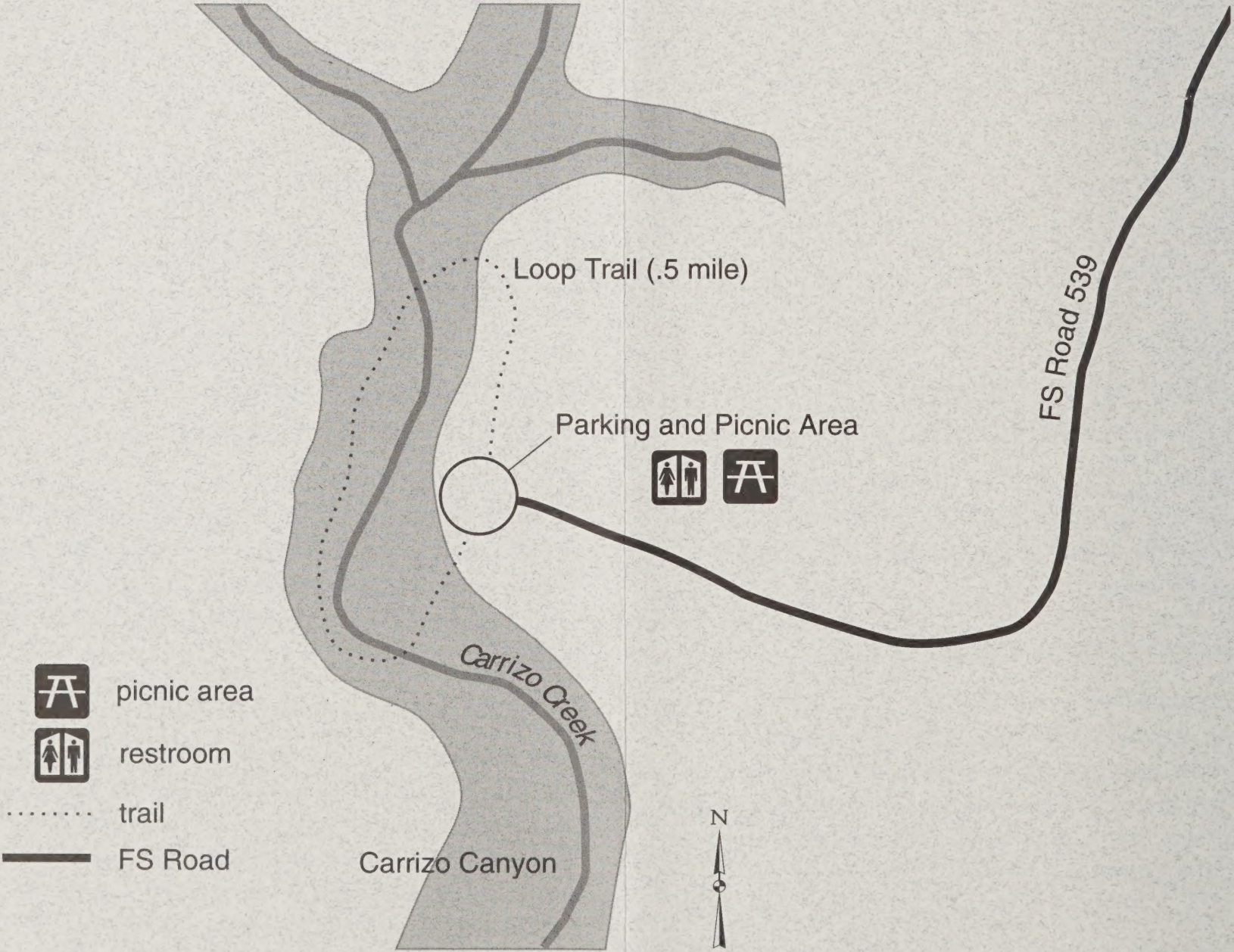
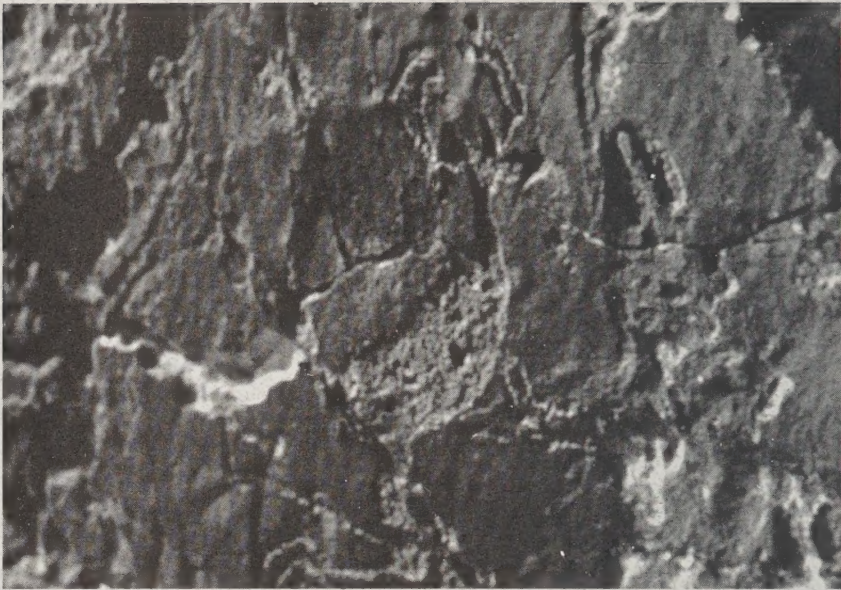


# Carrizo Canyon

## Facilities

- 2 covered picnic tables
- 1 vault toilet

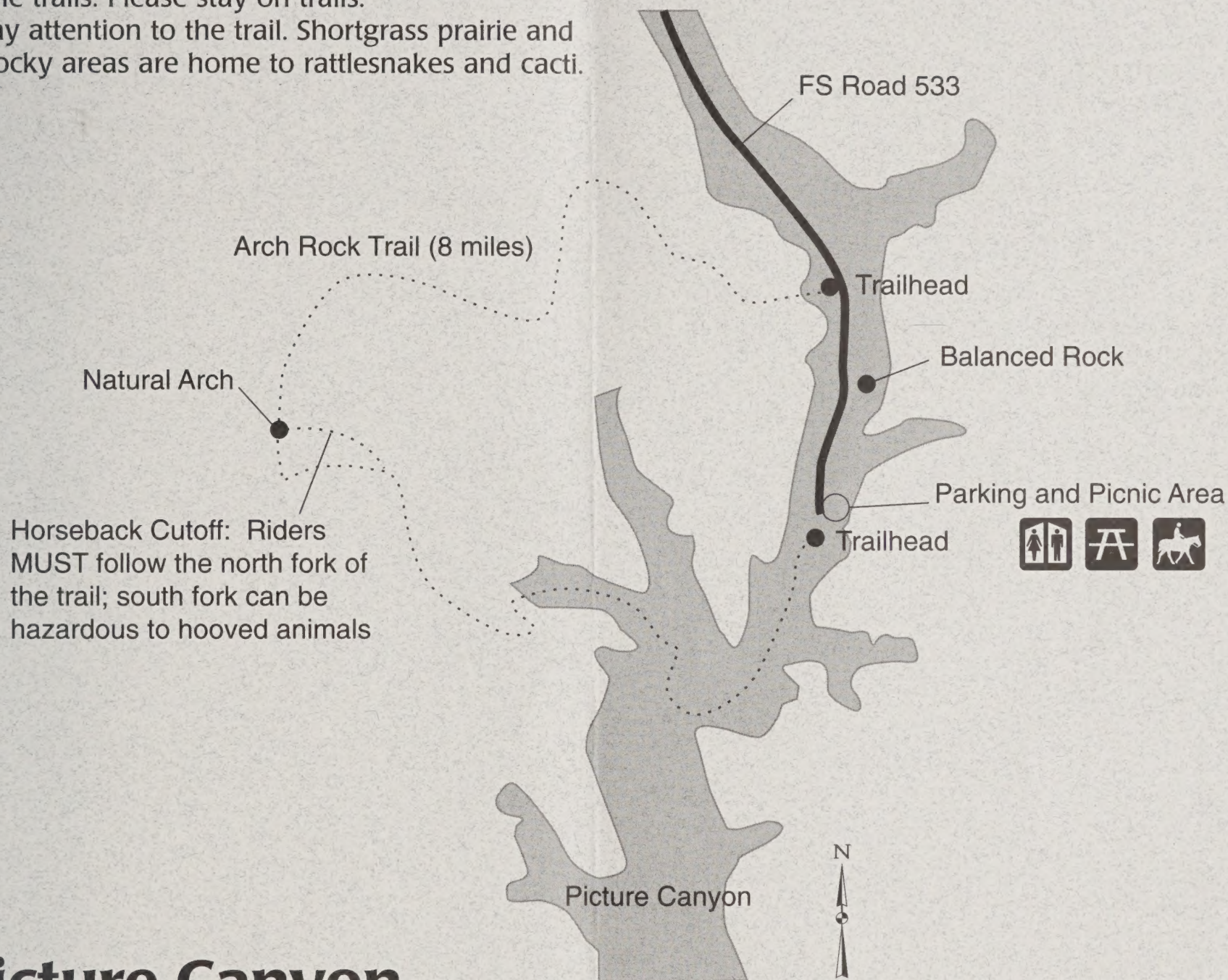
No electricity, drinking water or garbage cans are available. Charcoal fires in grills only.  
**Please pack out all trash.**





# Trail Safety

- Please carry water with you. Spring water is not safe to drink.
- Look for cairns, or stone posts, to help you locate the trails. Please stay on trails.
- Pay attention to the trail. Shortgrass prairie and rocky areas are home to rattlesnakes and cacti.



## Picture Canyon

### Facilities

3 covered picnic tables  
1 vault toilet

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Rock art, stone tools, charred bones, and rubble from dwellings provide evidence that people thrived on the Comanche National Grassland for thousands of years. Each relic of the past holds a clue that archaeologists use to reconstruct life here long ago. These cultural resources are ancient, fragile, and irreplaceable. If destroyed or removed, the information they reveal is lost forever. And so is a legacy that belongs to us all.

Please do not touch rock art. Oils from your hands promote deterioration of the drawings and the rock surface. Do not draw or scratch graffiti on rocks or cliff faces. Graffiti defaces a fragile, irreplaceable legacy.

All cultural resources on public lands are protected by law. The Antiquities Act and the Archaeological Resources Protection Act impose fines and penalties for disturbing or removing artifacts. Please help protect our past. Report any acts of vandalism to the Comanche National Grassland office in La Junta: (719) 384-2181 or in Springfield: (719) 523-6591.

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